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In re application of  
Clarke et al.

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For: Tufting-Machine

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**RESPONSE**Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to a first office action that recites mailing on March 23, 2004. With this communication, applicants are submitting a request for a three month extension of time. Please note that a new Attorney Docket number has been assigned to this application.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

Amend the Specification as set forth beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amend the Claims as set forth beginning on page 5 of this paper.

Amend the Drawings as set forth on page 7.